

Rhodoneura palairanta, sp. n.

♂. Head and thorax tawny red. Both wings creamy whitish, entirely sprinkled all over with lines and minute reticulations of bright tawny red. Primaries with reticulations so close that the ground-colour is only visible slightly in the median area; the postmedial oblique line is the only prominent one. Costa and termen dark red. Secondaries with the reticulations less numerous, making the ground-colour more visible.

Expanse 30 mm.

Hab. Lokoja District (100 miles north).

Type in my collection.

LXII.—*Descriptions of new Species of Lepidoptera from New Guinea.* By G. T. BETHUNE-BAKER, F.L.S., F.Z.S.

MY measurements, as usual, have been taken by doubling the distance from the centre of the thorax to the apex of the wing.

RHOPALOCERA.

LYCÆNINÆ.

Nacaduba metriodes, sp. n.

♂. Both wings dull violet-blue with fine dark termen, on the secondaries expanding at the anal angle by the tail rather broadly. Underside: both wings dirty grey, with spots and bars palely edged. Primaries with an antemedian bar in the cell and extending just below it, a similar one closing the cell extending to the costa, a waved series of six postmedian confluent spots, a terminal series of lunules. Secondaries with a series of three basal spots, each extending slightly beyond (outwards) the other; a bar closing the cell, with one above it shifted inwards; a curved series of eight postmedian confluent spots, the second spot shifted right out, third and fourth confluent slightly out, fifth, sixth, and seventh each slightly inwards, eighth right inwards; a series of terminal lunules, that at the tail being black edged with red above.

Expanse 28 mm.

Hab. Dinawa, B. New Guinea, 4000 feet; May and June (Pratt).

Type in my collection.

Agaristidæ.

Heterusia subnigra, sp. n.

♂. Head, thorax, and abdomen deep sooty black. Both wings deep sooty black. Primaries with a broad oblique postmedian stripe across the end of the cell. Secondaries uniform black.

Expanse 38 mm.

Hab. Arfak Mountains, Dutch New Guinea.

Type in Coll. Kenrick.

Noctuidæ.

STICTOPTERINÆ.

Gyrtona mediolineata, sp. n.

♂. Head and thorax rufous-brown, abdomen darker brown. Primaries purplish brown, with a broad, pale, narrow, indefinite stripe from base through the cell to the termen; below this is a broad, straight, dark dash; a trace of a postmedian dark irregular spotted line; termen darkly dotted. Secondaries uniform grey-brown, becoming hyaline at the base.

Expanse 24 mm.

Hab. Arfak Mountains, Dutch New Guinea.

Type in Coll. Kenrick.

DELTOIDINÆ.

Hypena arfaki, sp. n.

♂. Head and thorax dark grey, with whitish scales; abdomen grey. Primaries olive-grey, closely irrorated with fine whitish scales; an irregular, serrate, excurved antemedian pale line, edged externally with olive-grey; postmedian line irregular, waved, white, edged internally with olive-grey and externally broadly with whitish scales, beyond which is a broad, irregular, dentate band of olive-grey; terminal area greyer, with a dark dash about vein 6, above which are two blackish dots edged externally with white; termen with internervular dashes, some with pale internal edging. Secondaries greyish brown.

Expanse 34 mm.

Hab. Ninay Valley, Dutch New Guinea, 3600 feet (*Pratt*).
Type in my collection.

Geometridæ.

BOARMIANÆ.

Abraaxas arfaki, sp. n.

♀. Head, thorax, and abdomen slate-grey, the latter with orange segmental divisions. Both wings slate-grey. Primaries with a small white spot in the cell and a large irregular one at end of cell; three small white subapical spots in a curve, two white rectangular spots above the tornus, a very broad white dash in the middle of the inner margin up to vein 2. Secondaries with the median area very broadly white and a subterminal row of white rectangular spots.

Expanse 53 mm.

Hab. Arfak Mountains, Dutch New Guinea (*Pratt*).

Type in Coll. Kenrick.

Near *A. albiquadrata*, Warren.

Tineidæ.

Daulia treicleiota, sp. n.

♂. Head, thorax, and abdomen dark brown, patagia creamy. Primaries pale greyish brown, with three broad bars across the wings slightly darker in colour, edged laterally with dark brown, the postmedian bar being D-shaped, the terminal one erect and rather narrower than the other two. Secondaries pale brownish grey.

Expanse 34 mm.

Hab. Dinawa, B. New Guinea, 4000 feet; September (*Pratt*).

Type in my collection.

LXIII.—*On a new Black-tailed Rat from South Africa.*

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Epimys nigricauda kalaharicus, subsp. n.

Related to *Epimys nigricauda*, Thos., but smaller in size and much paler in colour.